Extension of State Transport Service.

23. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the State Transport Department intends to start Transport Service on the Kottayam-Alwaye, Alwaye-Parur and Alwaye-Munnar lines and, if so, the date on which each of the said line services will be started?

MR. K. SANKARAN: Yes; the date has not been fixed.

Bus Service on the Todupuzha-Ernakulam road.

24. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the difficulties experienced by passengers consequent on the absence of bus service on the Todupuzha-Ernakulam road which connects the eastern hills of Travancore with the Cochin Port and which is very necessary to the travelling public;

(*b*) the number of buses now plying on that line with the timings; and

(*c*) the reason for permitting the present bus-owner alone to run buses on that line and for refusing permission to others?

MR. K. SANKARAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Two buses.

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1·00 P. M.	6·00 P. M.

(*c*) Originally Messrs. N. K. Krishna Aiyar and H. Neelakanta Aiyar had two buses each on this route. In a conference of the bus-owners and the Traffic Superintendent of Police held on 29-6-1113 the number of buses required for each route was fixed, and one 23 seater bus was fixed for the route in question. Accordingly both of them were allowed to run one bus each on the route for 15 days in a month.

No case has been made out regarding the necessity for an additional service on the route, and no one has applied for it till now.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the service of bus traffic is controlled by the Inspector-General of Police or by the local revenue authorities?

MR. K. SANKARAN: It is under the control of the Police Department.

Pakuthy Cutcherries.

25. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of Pakuthy Cutcherries in Travancore;

(*b*) the number among them now held in rented buildings;

(*c*) the total amount paid as rent for those buildings; and

(*d*) whether they have enquired into the adequacy of the accommodation available in the rented buildings for keeping the records?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) 417 including the Nelpuras.

(*b*) 247.

(*c*) Rs. 10,312-2-0.

(*d*) Yes.

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